



# BORIS THE SPIDER

A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,  
Raw Power, and Naked Greed

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave  
When first we practice to deceive!"*  
--Sir Walter Scott--



VOLUME VIII, #6

(#226)

7 Jun 04

## ROOMMATE WANTED FOR WBC?

My usual roomie, Paul Saunders, for WBC (Reference 1) moved back to Mississippi from northern Virginia last month -- just days after I reserved our room at the Hunt Valley Inn, site of the Con. He's also changed his e-mail address, so I can only assume the worst. Ms Nar doesn't want to make the trip if she can't visit with Lisa Saunders. Former roomies Dan Farrow and Mark Fruch can't make it. So I'll likely be looking for someone to share the room (half of \$104 or so/night which includes \$30/day food vouchers). Hurry, apply soonest as WBC is but seven weeks away.

Be aware that this issue was compiled "in exile" as it were, without access to the game rules, maps, charts, etc. So mistakes are very likely. Check the results closely. There will, for now, only be the e-copy going out. Hard copies will be included in the mailing of the July issue. The sole player without e-mail, Mr Nichols, will be getting reports for the four games he's in by a snail mail.

### IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

**DIPLOMACY:** Have Boyum, Fryling and Nichols confirmed, Curtis tify.

**DUNE:** The BGs are available. Their prediction will stand.

**Gunboat MACH:** Have three signed up.

**HISTORY OF THE WORLD:** New game, either edition. Zieske signed up.

### BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

**THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:** "Play with your ideas. Thinking should be fun" -- Harald R McAlindon

New addresses for Kerry Watson and Kevin Wilson. See p 15 for details. Peter Boyum too, methinks

### BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue) this month goes to Jack Shacklett for his article in "Boris XVII".

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sudsy Bomb is lobbed at Kevin Wilson for an uncharacteristic delay of three games.

### REFERENCES:

1. <http://www.boardgamers.org/>

**PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):**

**Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 2 Jul 04**



# Of the Age of Flight

Fall 1903

**XVII**  
2003F

**MINAS MORGUL:** Lord Shacklett must not be fully recovered from the assassination attempt since his illegal orders allowed LPL to be sacked by the French. And while Sultan Ali Cary still controls Anatolia, it's only because the Austrians expected Tsar David to divert A CON's attention. Russia and Turkey, both beleaguering for survival, are unlikely antagonists at this point. A modicum of Austro-British cooperation (in 1904?) Who'd've thunk it?) could all but finish the Tsar and the Sultan would soon fall to Italy. Meanwhile, Germany heads both west and north, positioning the Kaiser to be either his English cousins' boon or bane.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS

Austrian A GAL retreats to WAR.

**AUS:** (Rick Copeland) A Rum-Sev(r-???), A Bul S RUS F Bla-Con(Inso), F Gre S ITA F Ion-Aeg, A Ser S A Bul, A War S A Gal-Ukr, A Gal-Ukr;  
**ENG:** (Jack Shacklett) A New-StP, F NAT-Mid, (F Nth-Engl) (F Lon S F Lpl)Imp, (F Lpl S F Lon)Imp;  
**FRA:** (Kevin Wilson) A Bur-Bel, A Wal-Lpl, F Iri S A Wal-Lpl, F Eng H, A Pic-Bel, F Lyo-Spalsch;  
**GER:** (Rudy Zodda) A Den-Swe, A Hol H, (F Bal S A Den-Swe), A Ber-Mun, A Rie-Den;  
**ITA:** (Ron Fisher) A Syr S F Eas-Smy, A Rum H, (F Eas-Smy), F Ion-Aeg;  
**RUS:** (Dave Anderson) A Sev S A Ukr-Rum, A Ukr-Rum, F Bla S A Ukr-Rum, (F Lvn-Bal);  
**TUR:** (Cary Nichols) A Con S A Ank-Smy, (F Ang S F Smy-Eas)Id, A Ank-Smy, (F Smy-Eas).

Orders in brackets fail: d= destroyed, otb = off the board, nso = not so ordered, r-??? = must retreat somewhere. Full transcript of game is on the Website; the Map will be updated when able.

Austrian A RUM must retreat either otb or to BUD or GAL.

## SUPPLY CENTERS:

<b>AUS:</b> Bud Tri Vie Gre Ser -Rum +Bul +War	(7) Build 1
<b>ENG:</b> Edi Lon -Lpl New -Swe +StP	(4) Tear 1
<b>FRA:</b> Bre Mar Par Bel Por Spa +Lpl	(7) Build 1
<b>GER:</b> Ber Kie Mun Den Hol +Swe	(6) Build 1
<b>ITA:</b> Nap Rom Ven Tun	(4) Even
<b>RUS:</b> Mos Sev -StP -War +Rum	(3) Tear 1
<b>TUR:</b> Ank Con Smy -Bul	(3) Even

Orders for the retreat, tears/builds and for Spring 1904 are due next time.

## EMBASSY BEAT

Turkey-Austria: Hi, I could use some help with the Italians.

## BORIS WORLD PRESS REVIEW

**London Times:** Lord Admiral Jack is swiftly recovering from the stab wound from the French. The French have declined to deny or confirm the stab but events speak for themselves and the British Empire is vowing revenge for the invasion of Wales. Whitehall can not understand why the French would pick Wales for an invasion as it is not the season for strawberries, clotted cream, and scones. To thwart the invasion the rugby teams and rugby fans have been sent to Wales as they strike fear in most of Europe.



# MACHIAVELLI

Milan Out!  
FALL 1516

2003 D  
pw10

**Ragnocittà:** Venetian troops finally put an end to Milanese pretension, capturing their last bastion. The Pope bribes an independent to join his force. Austria finally settles a score with the French fleet that has spread venereal disease throughout Naples over the past few years. Meanwhile the Turks stroll into the Austrian hinterland unimpeded.

## TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Venetian A TRE retreats into garrison.

**AUSTRIA** (Wilson, 3d): F WM-GoL, F IS S F Mes-GoN, F TS S F Mes-GoN, F Otr S F Mes-GoN, F Pal B2, F Cor S F TS, F Mes-GoN, F Sar S F Cor;

**FRANCE** (Scott, 3d): A Mod S PAP A Bol-Man, F LS-Pio, (F GoN-Nap(r-???)) A Mil-Cre, A Ber S A Mil-Cre, A Tyr S A Pav-Mil, F GoL-LS, A Gen = G, A Pav-Mil.

**MILAN** (Cole, 5d): No units.

**PAPACY** (Anderson, 15-9d): Buy G Man (-9d): (F Pisa S FRE F LS(otm)), A Bol-Man, A Anc B2, A Urb-Bol, F Ven S VEN F Anc-UI(nau), G Man S A Bol-Man;

**TURKEY** (McConnell, 3d): (A Car-Cro), A Pri S A Tre, (F Cro-Dal), (A Tre S A Dal-Pad), F UA C A Dal-Pad, (F Sal-Nap), A Carin-Trent, (G Pad = Fld), (A Dal-Pad), A Aus-Carin;

**VENICE** (Nichols, 0d): A Fer S A Pad, F Alb H, (G Tre = A), (A Pad S G Tre = A), (G Anc = Fld).

**Autonomous:** Luc, -Man, Mon, Pio, Soc.

Orders in brackets fail. b = besieged, d = destroyed, imp = impossible, no = not owned, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, oth = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = must retreat oth or elsewhere.

**Supply Chart:** Variable income roll is "5".

**AUS** (3+25d): BARI MES PAL -aa SAR -TYR 1st -Trent Tur Cor ver ala tunipi +otr;

**FRA** (3+44d): AVI pro SALZ Gen Nap Pav Swi como for MAR Mil Mod Sav +ber +Cre +tyr;

**MIL** (5-5d): -FER; **ELIMINATED.**

**PAP** (6+31d): BOL per FER ROME spo urb Are Flo aqu cap Pisa Ven +Anc +Man;

**TUR** (3+28d): -ALB bos her HUN TUN(c) car Cro Dal Rag Aus carin fir -otr +aa +treipi +Trent;

**VEN** (0+13d): -ber PAD TRE(c) -Anc -Cre -man Dur +Alb +Fer;

**Autonomous:** Luc -Man Mon Pio Soc.

Orders for Spring 1517 are due next time. And Press. Ms Nar craves Press. Game transcript is on the website and the Map will be when able.



# BRITANNIA

## "Devon"

### Turn XV



#### The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson  
Purple: Rudy Zedda

Green: Rick Copeland  
Red: Peter Boyum

#### Turn XV Board

**Welsh** (1): 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed; Gwent, Gynnedd, Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

**Brigantes** (1): 3A @ Pennines; 2A @ Dunedin, Lothian; 1A @ Mar.

**Picts** (1.5): 3A @ Skye; 2A @ Alban, Dalraida; 1A @ Hebrides.

**Caledonians** (0.5): 2A @ Caithness, Orkneys.

**Norsemen** (1.5): 2A @ Moray.

**Dubliners** (0): 3A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cheshire, Cumbria, Galloway.

**Danes** (1): 4A @ Hwicce, S Mercia; 2A @ Essex, N Mercia; 1A @ Avalon, Bernicia, Lindsey, Norfolk, York.

**Jutes** (1.5): 2A @ Kent.

**Norwegians**: Harald, 10A @ North.

**Saxons** (1.5): 2A @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands; Harold @ ???.

**Normans**: Willb, 6A, 4C @ Channel.

**SCOTC**: Green 112.5, Red 79.5, Blue 52, Purple 44.5.

**Brigantes** (2.5): Grow 3 pp. Add 1A @ Mar. 1A @ Pennines-Cheshire (1.3); Dubliner r-Cumbria.

**Picts** (1.5): Grow 2 pp. Add 1A @ Skye. 4A Skye-Caithness @ 6, 2, 2, 5, 2 -2 Caledonians, -1 Pict, 1A Alban-Skye, 1A Dalraida-Skye.

**Caledonians** (0.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

**Norsemen** (1.5): Grow 0.5 pp. Hold.

**Dubliners** (0): Grow 2.5 pp. 2A Cumbria-Cheshire (3, 2:1 \*) 1A Galloway to Cumbria, 2A Strathclyde-Galloway. \* Brigantes may retreat to Pennines or March.

**SCOTC**: Green 112.5, Red 79.5, Blue 52, Purple 44.5.

#### Board

**Welsh** (1): 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed; Gwent, Gynnedd, Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

**Brigantes** (1): 3A @ ; 2A @ Dunedin, Lothian, Mar, Pennines; 1A @ Cheshire\*.

**Picts** (0.5): 3A @ Caithness; 2A @ Skye; 1A @ Alban, Dalraida, Hebrides.

**Caledonians** (0.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

**Norsemen** (2): 2A @ Moray.

**Dubliners** (2.5): 2A @ Cheshire\*, Galloway; 1A @ Cumbria, Strathclyde.

**Danes** (1): 4A @ Hwicce, S Mercia; 2A @ Essex; 1A @ Avalon, Bernicia, Lindsey, N Mercia, Norfolk, York.

**Jutes** (1.5): 2A @ Kent.

**Norwegians**: Harald, 10A @ North.

**Saxons** (1.5): 2A @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands; Harold @ ???.

**Normans**: Willb, 6A, 4C @ Channel.

**Legend**: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = legion or leader, pp = population point, R = raider, r-??? = retreats to ???, w-??? = withdraws to ???, (\*) = in melee, \_#\_ = attack by/against



# BRITANNIA

"Frisian"

Turn IV



**The Cast:** Nations in *italics* are extinct, in parentheses are not yet in play.

**A** (Hannib): Romans, (R-Bs, Norsemen, Norwegians)

**B** (Anderson): Welsh, (Jutes, Normans)

**C** (Buttita): Brigantes, Caledonians, (Danes)

**D** (Boyum): Picts, Irish, (Angles)

**E** (Fruch): Belgae, (Scots, Saxons, Dubliners)

**Start:**

**Romans** (A): 2L @ York; 1L,F @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Essex, Kent, S Mercia, Suffolk; 1L @ Hwicce, Pennines; F @ Alban, Avalon, Dunedin, Lindsay, Lothian, March, N Mercia, Norfolk, Sussex, Wessex.

**Welsh** (B, 2): 3A @ Downlands; 2A @ Gwent; 1A @ Chyd, Cornwall, Devon, Gwynedd, Powys.

**Brigantes** (C, 0): 4A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway.

**Picts** (D, 2.5): 2A @ Caithness, Mar; 1A @ Dalriada\*, Moray, Skye;

**Caledonians** (C, 1): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Hebrides.

**Irish** (D, 0): 3R @ Atlantic.

**Scots** (E, 0): 1A @ Dalriada\*.

**Jutes** (B, 0): 2R @ Channel.

**Saxons** (E, 0): 3R @ Channel.

**Angles** (D, 0): 3R @ Frisian.

**Score:** A(24), C(13), E(8), B(2), D(0)

**Scots** (0): 1A Irish-Dalriada (4.2; 5.2; 1:5 -1 Scot).

**Jutes** (0): Hold.

**Saxons** (0): 3R Channel-Wessex (6,3,3.3 -F, w-???)

**Start:**

**Romans** (A): 2L @ York; 1L,F @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Essex, Kent, S Mercia, Suffolk; 1L @ Hwicce, Pennines; F @ Alban, Avalon, Dunedin, Lindsay, Lothian, March, N Mercia, Norfolk, Sussex.

**Welsh** (B, 2): 3A @ Downlands; 2A @ Gwent; 1A @ Chyd, Cornwall, Devon, Gwynedd, Powys.

**Brigantes** (C, 0): 4A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway.

**Picts** (D, 2.5): 2A @ Caithness, Mar; 1A @ Dalriada, Moray, Skye;

**Caledonians** (C, 1): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Hebrides.

**Irish** (D, 0): 3R @ Atlantic.

**Scots** (E, 0): None.

**Jutes** (B, 0): 2R @ Channel.

**Saxons** (E, 0): 3R @ Wessex(?).

**Angles** (D, 0): 3R @ Frisian.

**Score:** A(24), C(13), E(8), B(2), D(1)

Current map and game transcript can be found on the website.

**The Cast** (in Tiebreak Order)

GENOA (Copeland): 857, 7C, 4K, 60M, Gal-6  
 PARIS (Frueh): 890, 16C, 5K, 70M  
 BARCELONA (Buttita): 872, 14C, 4K, 40M, Gal-10  
 VENICE (Hanna): 884, 13C, 5K, 50M, Gal-6

**Advances**

A,E,N,R  
 E,I,R  
 R,S  
 A,R

There is a shortage of fur and a shortage of wool.

**3.7: PURCHASE PHASE**

B bids 6t. P bids 22t. V bids 34t. G bids 35t.

**4.3: CARD PLAY PHASE**

B (6t) plays "D. Exiguus" (1st leader) and "Gold/Ivory" as Ivory (B +840, G +910).  
 P (22t) plays "Cloth/Wine" as a Cloth (P +845, G,V +920). "Charlemagne" (83 patronage), "Rashid ad Din" (82 patronage).  
 V (34t) plays "Spice" (V +838, P +99) and "Armor."  
 G (35t) plays "War" vs B (4.5 G must cede 1C to B, G +2 ML, B +1 ML). "Rebellion" @ Lyo (-PC, +PT), and "Civil War" vs P (PAR -PC, +PT). Lose either half recorded cash (832) or half tokens (11t), go last).

**The Cast** (in Turn 4 Order)

BARCELONA (Buttita): 8106, 15C, 2K, 50M, Gal-10, 6t  
 VENICE (Hanna): 886, 13C, 3K, 50M, Gal-6, 34t  
 GENOA (Copeland): 852, 6C, 1K, 80M, Gal-6, 35t  
 PARIS (Frueh): 81137, 13C, 2K, 70M, 227t

**Advances**

R,S  
 A,R  
 A,E,N,R  
 E,I,R

**THE BOARD:**

B: C @ Alg Ang, Basq BAR Fez Grn Lis Mon Sev Tan Tol Val Waf +1; 1T @ Ora.  
 G: C @ Gen Mar Nap Rom Tri Tun Var -1; 1T @ Kaf.  
 P: C @ Acr Alep Basl Bru Cai Col Dg Flo Mil Nur Pra STM Str; 1T @ Bor Lev Lyo PAR StG.  
 V: C @ Alex Bel Bud Cre Dub Exx Pot Salo Ste Tre VEN Vie.

Due next time are orders for Token Bid and Card Play phases. Your cards are:

**Source of the Nile**

Turn 25

**The Cast:**

Dan Farrow (dropped) Jason Burgender Ron Fisher (dropped?)  
 Andrew York Don Chinnery D&D Anderson

**Published:** See last issue.

Positions still available for fearless explorers. Contact Alan Burgender if interested.



# TITAN

Combat!  
Turn 12



**COMBAT:** Green Fleur-de-Lis defeats Blue Candle @ Woods 30, earns 48 VP.

**SLAIN TURN 11:** Troll(s)31, Gorgon.

## THE BOARD:

**Brown** (Frucht), 6-4, 0 VP, dr=6: Spider 131-37; Antlers 141-3; Chest 141-135; Bearpaw 109-103; Tankard 137-131(Combat); Bell 137 holds..

**Blue** (York), 6-4, 0 VP, dr=6: Batman 122 holds. Octopus 122-28; Anchor 19-115 (Combat); Twister 118 holds.

**Red** (Bargender), 8-4, 204 VP, dr=2: Maltree Cross 13-15 (Combat). Heart 38 holds.

**Green** (Rezzarday), 7-4, 108 VP, dr=3: Dagger 300-15 (Combat); Hook 115 holds (Combat); Fleur-de-Lis 30-33; Harp 129-126; Frog 134-131(Combat).

**MUSTERED:** Behemoth, Cyclops, Lion, Ogre(2), Wyvern.

**COMBAT:** Green Dagger (attacker) vs Red Maltree Cross @ 15. Blue Anchor (attacker) vs Green Hook @ 115). Brown Tankard (Attacker) vs Green Frog @ 131.

**FORCE POOL:** Archangels (6), Angels (14), Behemoths (15), Centaurs (3), Colossi (10), Cyclops (6), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (18), Griffons (18), Guardians (6), Hydra (10), Lions (22), Minotaurs (21), Ogres (7), Rangers (24), Serpents (10), Trolls (16), Unicorns (12), Warbears (21), Warlocks (5), Wyverns (17).

**DEAD POOL:** Centaurs (13), Cyclops(10), Gargoyles(8), Gorgon, Lion(2), Ogres(8), Titans(2), Trolls(8).

Your Turn 13 die roll is: \_\_\_\_\_. Current masterboard and game transcript are on the website.

Your Legions are:



## HISTORY OF THE WORLD

"Priam"



**ZIESKE:** Congrats to Rudy for getting Black to the top. Enjoyable game, but terrible turns by the Hsing-Nu and Mongols knocked me out of the competition. And then getting stuck with the U.S. was the final nail. As the Teletubbies say, "Again, again!"

# Down with the King

## Is the End Nigh?

Turns 18-19



**CRASH:** Drawing that extra card cost Lord Robert 1 IP.

### The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23), 2 IP, 16/9 PP, 6 cards, #61, #51, #24(MC,H)  
A. Bergender: Duke James (#22, MC), 30 IP, 56/30 PP, 12 cards, #52(H) #12(H) #32, Catherine, #55.  
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 3 IP, 46/9 PP, 2 cards, #15, #46, #54, #31, #53, #44, Jane, #65.  
Fowble: Lord Robert (#16/62), 10 IP, 72/35 PP, 10 cards, #13(H), #45, #21(H), #11, #26, Almerly, #35, #43, #34, #33, #66, #36, King John, Alfred, #25.  
York: Duchess Mary (#64), 0 IP, 36/26 PP, 13 cards, #63(H), #14, #42(H), #41.

### The Cabinet:

Monarch: King John, Ro (50 Support)  
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36), Ro  
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro  
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt  
Epain: <Vacant>  
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja  
City States: Sir Richard (#14), My

Consort: <Vacant>  
High Minister: Duke Henry (#43), Ro  
Army: Earl Francis (#33), Ro  
Justice: Knight Dale (#25)  
Beyzan: Sir Michael (#15), Je  
Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41)  
Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt

### Turn 18:

2. **Office:** Lord Robert pays 2 IP to make Sir Donald Ambassador to Epain.  
3. **Political Problem Resolution:** None. Monarch's Support +5 to 65.  
4. **Crown Event:** 7 = Two Political Problems. 6 = Foreign War (9 War with Epain); Peasant Unrest. Duke Henry (Ability = 5) solves (2) the Peasant Unrest problem. Earl Francis (Ability = 2) fails to solve (3) the Foreign War problem. War with Epain breaks out. Sir Donald is recalled to Fandonia.  
5. **Player Turn:** If certain persons were not aware that the King was in a bad mood before Lady Margaret mentioned his, well, unfortunate hair problem, let it be known that the King is now Royally Pissed. Therefore, he again invokes 36.10.2 and subtracts 1 from all counselling attempts.

**Robert:** Draw a card, 1 IP, and Scandal. Expose the Archbishop's Heresy (Scandal). Sir Malcolm (#13, henchman) performs the unpleasant task of publishing the Archbishop's early writings, which have never been revealed before. Purchase an Event Card (-2 IP).

**James:** Draw a card, 1 IP, and Gain 1 IP. Convert 10 IP into 5 PP. Roll on Craft Table (7+2 = Skilled, +2IP & 2 PP). Purchase 1 Event card (2 IP).

**Mary:** Draw a card, 1 IP, and Gain 1 IP. Roll on Craft Table (6-1 = Barely Above water, No effect). Toss "Prison Guards".

**Jeffrey:** Draw a card, 1 IP, and Any Activity. In despair, does nothing.

**Margaret:** Draw a card, 1 IP, and Scandal. Accuse Lord Robert of Scandal (I playing "Evidence" to support allegations).

### The Cabinet:

Monarch: King John, Ro (60 Support)  
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36), Ro  
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro  
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt  
Epain: <Vacant>  
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja  
City States: Sir Richard (#14), My

Consort: <Vacant>  
High Minister: Duke Henry (#43), Ro  
Army: Earl Francis (#33), Ro  
Justice: Knight Dale (#25), Ro  
Beyzan: Sir Michael (#15), Je  
Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41), My  
Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt



### The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23), 2 IP, 16/9 PP, 6 cards, #61, #51, #24(MC,H)

A. Bergender: Duke James (#22, MC), 21 IP, 63/37 PP, 12 cards, #52(H) #12(H), #32, Catherine, #55

Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 3 IP, 46/9 PP, 2 cards, #15, #46, #54, #31, #53, #44, Jane, #65

Fowble: Lord Robert (#16/62), 11 IP, 72/35 PP, 9 cards, #13(H), #45, #21(H), #11, #26, Almyer, #35, #43, #34, #33, #66, #36, King John, Alfred.

York: Duchess Mary (#64), 0 IP, 36/26 PP, 13 cards, #63(H), #14, #42(H), #41.

### Turn 19:

1. **Player Order:** James, Robert, Margaret, Mary, Jeffrey

2. **Office:** N/A

3. **Political Problem Resolution:** Earl Francis vs War with Epahn.

4. **Crown Event:** Crown Event: 7 = Two Political Problems. 7 = Treason & Conspiracy Trials (Kn Dale); 6 = Foreign War (already active); 4 = International Incident (Earl Duncan).

5. **Player Turn:** You drew 1 IP, \_\_\_\_\_ opportunity, & \_\_\_\_\_ card.

Due next time are modifications to Turn 18 scandals, orders for Turn 19 including Political Problems and Crown Event Phases. Note that Lord Robert wins if King John is Monarch at the end of the turn.

#### Table Modifiers

Table	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Business Speculation	0	0	0	0	0
Court Ball	0	0	+1	+1	+2
Craft	+2	0	0	-1	-1
Fashion	+2	0	0	0	+2
Literary Pursuits	+2	0	0	+2	0
Patronage	-1	0	0	0	0
Socializing	0	0	0	0	-2

#### Councils

Table	James	Jeffrey	Marge	Mary	Robert
Court Ball	--	--	--	1,4	1,3
Foreign War	2	--	--	--	2,3
Scandal	--	--	--	--	4
T & C Trials	3	--	--	--	1,3



# FRUEH IS MISSING

FIM

SR 3 & OR3

## PLAYER STATUS: (\*Denotes Presidency)

Zodda: \$101, SVNRR, DAH, 3 NYNH&H\*, 1 C&O  
 Hanna: \$101, C&A, 1 PR, 2 NYNH&H, 1 C&O  
 Bolduc: \$108, B&Ope, 2 B&O\*, 1 NYNH&H, 1 C&O, 1 CP  
 Copeland: \$75, M&H, 5 C&O\* <Priority>  
 Zieske: \$88, C&SL, 6 CP\*

## CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
NYNH&H	RZ	\$90	90	4	0	740	2	G19, 1
C&O	RC	\$71a	71	2	0	630	2	F6, 2
CP	PZ	\$71b	71	3	0	430	22	A19, B16, 2
B&O	PB	\$100	100	8	0	---	--	(115), 3

## SR #3:

Copeland buys 1 C&O (-\$71).  
 Zieske buys 1 C&O (-\$71). C&O sold out.  
 Zodda passes.  
 Hanna buys 1 NYNH&H (-\$90).  
 Bolduc sells 1 NYNH&H (+\$90) and buys 1 CP (+\$71). NYNH&H drops to C82.  
 Copeland, Zieske, and Zodda pass.  
 Hanna sells 1 C&O (+\$71) and buys 1 NYNH&H from the pool (-\$82). C&O price falls to F67. Hanna becomes president of NYNH&H.  
 Bolduc buys 1 C&O from the Pool (-\$67). C&O sold out.  
 Copeland & Zieske pass.  
 Zodda ...

## PLAYER STATUS: (\*Denotes Presidency)

Zodda: \$101, SVNRR, DAH, 3 NYNH&H\*, 1 C&O  
 Hanna: \$0, C&A, 1 PR, 4 NYNH&H  
 Bolduc: \$60, B&Ope, 2 B&O\*, 2 C&O, 2 CP  
 Copeland: \$4, M&H, 6 C&O\*  
 Zieske: \$17, C&SL, 6 CP\*, 1 C&O

## CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
NYNH&H	CH	C82	90	3	0	740	2	G19, 1
CP	PZ	E71	71	2	0	430	22	A19, B16, 2
C&O	RC	F67	71	0	0	630	2	F6, 2
B&O	PB	A100	100	8	0	---	--	(115), 3

The Bank has \$10,018.

AVAILABLE TRAINS: 22 33333 4444 555 66 DDDDD

## AVAILABLE TILES:

Yellow: #101, #211, #321, #412, #713, #871, #971, #55(1), #56(1), #57(4), #58(2), #69(1)



# DUNE

## Turn 4 Battle-Turn 5 Bidding



**ERRATA:** A has only 6S. The Spice at Cielago South are in Storm and thus destroyed. There are 2 BG in Arrakeen.

### The Board:

**ATREIDES (Nichols):** 2T @ False Wall West (s17), 3T @ Broken Land, 9R, 6S, 0C  
**BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara):** 2T @ Arrakeen; 1T @ Carthag, Cielago North, Tueks Sitch, Imperial Basin, Minor Erg, 11S, 14R, 1C  
**BENE TLEILAXU (Buttitta):** 1S, 4C, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch  
**FREMEN (Barrett):** 5T @ Sitch Tahr, 1T, 1\* @ Haggia Basin, 8S, 4C  
**GUILD (Anderson):** 6T @ Tuek's Sitch, 5T @ Arrakeen, 2R, 7S, 2C  
**HARRONNEN (Wilson):** 5T Carthag, 12R, 4S, 8C  
**LANSRAAD (R Fisher):** 4T @ Minor Erg, 14R, 2S, 4C  
**Spice:** Broken Land (2), Habbanya Erg (8)  
**Storm:** Sector 2  
**Tanks:** Lady J, Otheym, T Hawat, B Rabban, Dr Y, A 6T, F 9T & 1\*, H 3T, L 2T, G 7T

### TURN 5

**5.3 Bidding:** The BG receives 2S Charity. BT give two cards to G. G is full.

Card 1: BT bids 1S; gets \_\_\_\_\_ (-1S).

Card 2: A bids 2S; A gets \_\_\_\_\_ (-2S).

Card 3: No bids. Will come up for bid next turn.

### 5.4 Movement:

- Reveal: A 2T free, F 2T & 1\* free, G 1T free, plays "Ghola" for 5T more, H 2T free, L 2T free.
- Shipping: A ships 4T from reserves to Arrakeen (4S to G, 1BG accompanies). F walks 2T, 1\* from offboard to Haggia Basin. G ships 5T to Carthag (-3S, 1BG accompanies).
- Movement: A moves 2T False Wall West-Habbanya Erg. L moves 4T Minor Erg-Pasty Mess(s). F can't move 3T, 2\* to Carthag (ally already there).

### 5.5 Battle:

CARTHAG: G 5T vs H 5T.

ARRAKEEN: A 4T vs G 5T.

Due next time are your orders for Turn 5 Battle through Turn 6 Spice Blow. Note that if F/G prevail at Carthag and Arrakeen, they win. Ms Nar covers Free.

Transcript and map will be posted on the website when able.

Your cards are:

### The Board:

**ATREIDES (Nichols):** 2T @ Habbanya Erg (s17), 3T @ Broken Land, 4T @ Arrakeen, 7R, 0S, 1C  
**BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara):** 3T @ Arrakeen; 2T @ Carthag; 1T @ Cielago North, Tueks Sitch, Imperial Basin, Minor Erg, 13S, 12R, 1C  
**BENE TLEILAXU (Buttitta):** 0S, 3C, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch  
**FREMEN (Barrett):** 5T @ Sitch Tahr, 3T, 2\* @ Haggia Basin, 8S, 4C  
**GUILD (Anderson):** 6T @ Tuek's Sitch, 5T @ Arrakeen, 5T @ Carthag, 3R, 8S, 3C  
**HARRONNEN (Wilson):** 5T Carthag, 12R, 4S, 8C  
**LANSRAAD (R Fisher):** 4T @ Pasty Mess, 14R, 2S, 4C  
**Spice:** Broken Land (2), Habbanya Erg (8)  
**Storm:** Sector 2  
**Tanks:** Lady J, Otheym, T Hawat, B Rabban, Dr Y, A 4T, F 7T, H 1T, G 1T



# AIR BARON

"Boston"

## TCA in Fare Wars

### Turn 5



#### The Cast

Rick Copeland: Hindenburg Lines (Orange), \$11, BWI, CLE, PHL, BOS  
 Cary Nichols: TransCon Air (Green), \$4, ELP, ABQ, TUS (PHX), MCI 40 MS  
 Rudy Zodda: Trans Tucan (Red), \$5, MCO, TPA (MIA), MSY, CVG 30 MS  
 Paul Barrett: Barrett Airline Retro Transportation (Purple), \$12, MEM, CLT, STL, OKC

#### TURN 5:

TT is out of fare wars, draws MCO (\$7 to TT) and SYR (HL ifw), buys PBI (-\$7) +30 MS.  
 TCA is in fare wars, draws TPA (\$6 to TT) and CVG (\$4 to TT), attacks TUL (-\$2; 7+3-7), LIT (-\$1; 11+3-5), OKC (-\$2; 6+3-8), +40 MS.  
 HL is out of fare wars, draws JFK (\$28 to HL) and MSY (\$3 to TT), buys ORY (-\$20).  
 BART is out of fare wars, draws PVD (\$1 to HL) and ABQ (TCA ifw), buys IND (-\$21) +60 MS.

#### TURN 6:

Player Order: TCA (CLE, DIA), BART (BOS, DFW), HL (PVD, SJU), TT (Strike, ORD).

#### Press:

NY TIMES: Washington and New York have finally embraced the mighty Dirigible! Hindenberg Lines reporting immense profits. Stock price Soars!

BART to HL: Had to be someone take this thing to the capitalist level. Not BART's way man.

#### The Cast

Rick Copeland: Hindenburg Lines (Orange), \$9, BWI, ORF, PIT, RDU (DCA), BOS, BUF, PHL, PVD, SJU, SYR, ORY (JFK), CLE 180 MS  
 Cary Nichols: TransCon Air (Green), \$FWI \$0, ELP, ABQ, TUS (PHX), MCI, OMA (DIA), LIT, OKC, TUL (DFW) 100 MS  
 Rudy Zodda: Trans Tucan (Red), \$22, MCO, PHL, TPA (MIA), AUS, MSY (HOU), CVG 80 MS  
 Paul Barrett: Barrett Airline Retro Transportation (Purple), \$12, MSP, STL, IND (ORD), MEM, CLT 60 MS

Due next time are your orders for Turn 6.

## The Cast:

R Fisher (F) P Zieske (Z) M Scott (S) K Wilson (W) R Copeland (C)

ERRATA: C's road at g2/h2 wasn't listed.

## Turns 2.2-3.2:

2.2 (Z): Roll 11. F collects 1 brick from c3; W collects 1 ore from g5. Builds road c2/d3 (-btl).

2.3 (B): Roll 11. F collects 1 brick from c3; W collects 1 ore from g5. Does nothing.

2.4 (W): Roll 5. F collects 2 lumber from b2; F &amp; Z collect 1 grain from e3; W collects 1 grain from f5. Trades 2 ore to F for 2 brick. Build roads @ f5/e6 and e5/e6 (2b,2l) and upgrade f5/f6/g5 to a city (SO,2G). SBP: F builds road @ b3/c4.

2.5 (C): Roll 5. F collects 2 lumber from b2; F &amp; Z collect 1 grain from e3; W collects 2 grain from f5. Does nothing.

3.1 (F): 3.1 (F): Roll 7. F discards 2 grain &amp; 2 lumber. Z discards 4 grain. Robber to g3. F steals wool from C @ g2/g3/f3. Buys a card \_\_\_\_\_ (-grow).

3.2 (Z): Roll 11. F collects 1 brick from c3; W collects 2 ore from g5.

## Current trade offers:

Z offers grain or wool for lumber. W offers ore or grain for lumber or wool.

## COMMODITY STATUS

Player	brick	grain	lumber	ore	wool	Knights	cards	VP	Other
F	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	
Z	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	
S	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	
W	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	
C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	

## Development:

F: Settlements: e3/e4/f3, b3/c3/c4, a2/b2/b3

Roads: b3/c3, e3/e4, b2/b3, b3/c4

Z: Settlements: d2/d3/e3, g3/h2/h3

Roads: d2/d3, g3/h2, c2/d3

S: Settlements: d6/e6/e7, e4/e5/f4

Roads: e6/e7, e5/f4, e5/f5

W: Settlements: b4/c4/c5

Roads: c4/c5, f5/f6, e5/f5, e5/e6

C: Settlements: d3/d4/e4, f3/g2/g3

Roads: d3/d4, g2/g3

Cities: f5/f6/g5

## ON DECK



**1830:** Frueh, Zodia, Zieske

**1835:** Hanna, Zieske

**1858:** Hanna, Frueh, Zieske

**1870:** Zieske, Hanna, Frueh

**BLACKBEARD:** Zodia, A Bargender

**BRITANNIA:** Zieske

**COLONIAL DIPLOMACY:** Copeland, Nichols, Anderson, Boyum; need 3 more.

**GUNSLINGER:** Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more

**JUNTA:** Copeland, Dave A, Hanna, Butitta

**KINGMAKER:** R Fisher, Shacklett, Scott

**KREMLIN:** Zodia, Scott, Anderson, Barrett, Butitta

**MACHIAVELLI (Gunboat):** Have 3.

**MAGIC REALM:** Butitta, Deb A

**MAHARAJA:** Hanna, Zodia

**MERCHANT OF VENUS:** R Fisher, Deb A, Khaoz

**PUERTO RICO:** R Fisher, Butitta

**RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR:** Scott

**SILVERTON:** Zieske, Deb A

**WIZARD'S QUEST:** A&J Bargender, Farrow, R Fisher, Deb A

**OTHER POSSIBILITIES:** 1829 (N OR S), AFTER THE HOLOCAUST (\*GM Fowble), GODSFIRE, KAMAKURA, MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA, PLANET MINERS, SAMARAI.

\* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

---

## OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Dave & Debbie Anderson, 20832 Tuck Rd, Site 32, Farmington Hills, MI 48336; (248) 473-7482; andersond4@midhigan.gov

Alan Bargender, 1517 Creekside Road, Green Bay, WI 54311; alanmb777@hotmail.com

Paul Barrett; pdb@shingunadragon.plus.com

John Boardman, 234 East 19th St, Brooklyn, NY 11226-5302

Peter Boyum, 7615 Morningside Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746; (916) 705-2091;

peterboyum@msn.com

Tom Butcher, 674 Roanoke Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221; chikakob@msn.com

John Butitta, 339 Ninth, Neenah, WI 54956; (414) 725-7218; docjob@tds.net

Forest Cole, 11210 Montverde Ln, Houston, TX 77099; (281) 564-4688; simply4est@yahoo.com

Rock Copeland, 1531 Pack Horse Rd, Winchester, VA 22603; (540) 888-4420;

cope655321@aol.com

Michael Fisher, 43 W Mannheim St Apt 2, Philadelphia, PA 19144-2942; (215) 438-

9986; mikenfisher65@yahoo.com.

Ron Fisher, 210 Normandy Dr, Wilmington, NC 28412; (910) 395-8330; skyark3@charter.net

Wade L. Fowble, 1127 Longbrook Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093-6307; (410) 828-8753;

wfobe@aol.com

Mark Frueh, 1128 Olympus Dr, Naperville, IL 60540; (830) 357-7780; mark\_frueh@msn.com

Warren Goese, 40W393 Edna St, Vincent Millay St., St. Charles, IL 60175; goese@comcast.com

Chuck Hanna, 379 Willet Ct, Severna Park, MD 21146-1912; (410) 544-3077; ochanna@toad.net

Chris Haasler, 2000 S Armour Ct, La Habra, CA 90631; chasasler@adelphia.net

Tom Howell, 365 Storm King Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98363; (360) 928-9698;

off-the-shelf@olympus.net

Laird Khaoz, 4733 S. Huron River Dr, Flat Rock, MI 48134; kbloodcrow@yahoo.com.

Andy Lischett, 2402 Ridgeland Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402

Philip McCabe, 615 South St, Plymouth, WI 53073; (920) 892-7554; pmccabe@excel.net

Lee McConnell, 2023 Stancrat Rd, Dublin, OH 43016-9546; blackhawk@netwalk.com

Wayne Morrison, LTSI-ASAC Khamis 05267, 7150 Troy Hill Dr, Elkridge, MD 21075;  
thomascat\_ksa@yahoo.com

Cary Nichols, 756532-938 S FM 1673, Snyder, TX 79549-8812.

Tony Rezzarday, 16-D NW Cape Dr, FWB, FL 32548; (850) 243-0986; tonyreza@netscape.net

Paul Saunders, 124 Hopeland Lane, Sterling, VA 22614; (703) 406-0773;

paulsaunders@verizon.net

Mike Scott, 16603 Colonial Dr, Fontana, CA 92336; (909) 357-6030; mikesmag2@juno.com

Jack & Rose Shacklett, 365 Hobbs-Reesor Rd, Vine Grove, KY 40174; (502) 828-4281;

jshackle@bdtel.com

Kerry Watson, 2138 Clovernook Lane, Neenah, WI 54956; (920) 882-5505; kwatson1@new.rr.com

Kevin Wilson, 7250 Perkins Rd #838, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; ckewtrw@aol.com

Andrew York, PO Box 201117, Austin, TX 78720-1117; wandrew@compuserve.com

Paul Zieske, 3501 Keenan Lane, Glenview, IL 60025; (847) 498-9237; zieskep@juno.com

Rudy Zodda, 7 Hansen Ave, New City, NY 10956; (845) 708-9056; rzodda@aol.com

\*\*\*\*\*  
DEADLINE FOR MOST GAMES IS 1800 CENTRAL TIME 2 JUL 04  
\*\*\*\*\*

### The Bottom Line

This is **BORIS THE SPIDER**, a 'zine dedicated to the play of multiplayer games. **BORIS** is usually published following the first Friday of the month by Paul & Meg Bolduc, 203 Devon Ct, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32547-3110 and currently has a subscription price of \$10.50 for 12 issues in hardcopy (\$13.25 in Canada, and \$16 overseas) or a token 81 by e-mail (waived if overseas). A hardcopy sub will also include an e-mail sub. Make checks payable to "Paul Bolduc". **BORIS** can be reached at (850) 863-9081, or prbolduc@aol.com. If phoning, expect to be greeted by an answering machine. If we're here, not engaged in an epic computer battle or enthralled in baseball, hockey, or college football, and recognize your voice, you may get to talk to a real human, so don't hang up upon hearing our recorded message (it changes every power outage). Visit the **BORIS** Website at:  
<http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/borishome.htm>

---

### STELLAR CONQUEST

William T. Riker: Due soonest are Turn 41 combat and adjustments to movement orders for Turn 42-44. Please expedite your orders.

Kurzon Dax: Orders for Movement 11 are due soonest.

# **BORIS THE SPIDER**

c/o 283 Devon Ct

FtB, FL 32547-3110

<http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/borishome.htm>

## **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Addressess	
AGE OF RENAISSANCE	pp 14-15
AIR BARON	p 6
BRITANNIA	p 15
"Devon"	
"Frieden"	p 4
DIPLMACY	p 5
"Boris XVII"	p 2
MACIELAVELL	p 3
DOWN WITH THE KING	pp 10-11
DUNE	p 8
1830	pp 8-9
HISTORY OF THE WORLD	p 7
On Deck	p 14
SETTLERS OF CATAN	p 5
SOURCE OF THE NILE	p 6
STELLAR CONQUEST	p 16
TITAN	p 9

# **FIRST CLASS**